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SPECIAL REPORT

Roll of the Dice

While most keep lottery scholarship, many will be dropped by the end of the year

Will York
Assistant News Editor

Of the 860 first-time UTM freshmen who received the Tennessee HOPE lottery scholarship, 507 students, or 59 percent, are "on track" to retain their scholarships, according to University Relations director Bud Grimes. In order to keep the scholarships, which range in value from \$3,000 to \$4,000 annually depending on high school achievement, students must maintain at least a 2.75 GPA after completing 24 hours. After 48 hours, students are required to maintain a minimum of 3.0.

Ninety three students, or 11 percent of the first-time freshman class, earned a GPA between 2.5 and 2.74 after the fall 2004 semester and remain "within striking distance" of keeping their scholarship. 260 students, or 30 percent of the in-state freshmen receiving the scholarship, earned less than a 2.5 GPA after the fall semester, leaving them in danger of losing the scholarship.

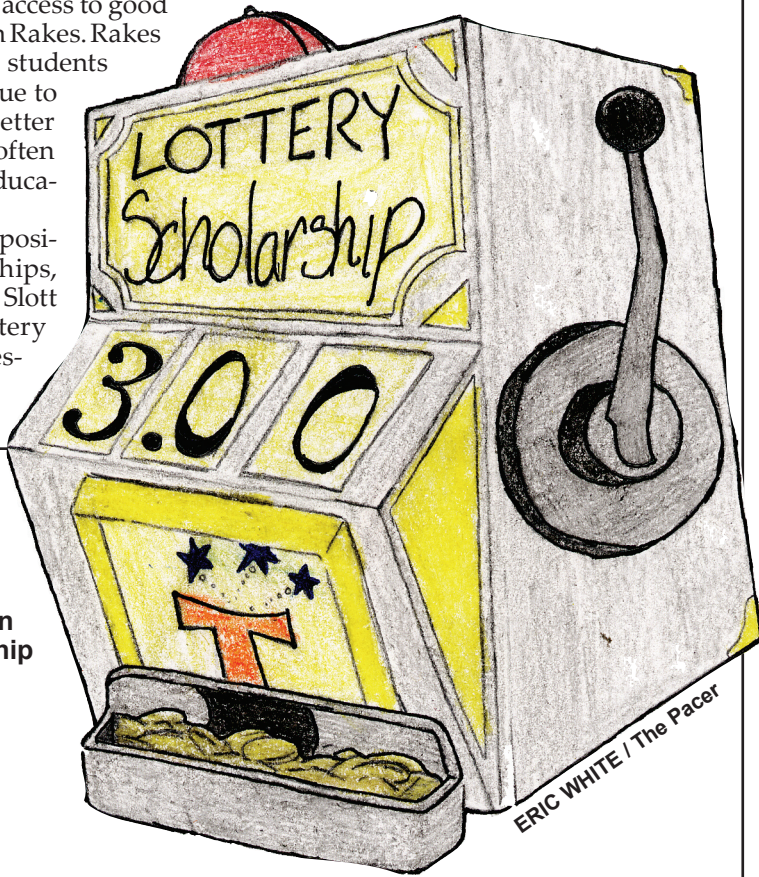
"Lottery scholarships provide an honest opportunity to provide access to good students," said Provost Tom Rakes. Rakes said that the 60 percent of students who could possibly continue to receive the awards was "better than Georgia," which is often seen as the model for education-benefiting lotteries.

Everyone doesn't feel so positive about the scholarships, however. Freshman Chris Slott will likely lose his lottery scholarship after this semester. "It's pretty bad," he said. "I'm still going to

come next year, but now I'll have to pay a bunch of people back. (The lottery) is still good free money."

The HOPE scholarship helped UTM enrollment to reach a record-breaking 6,104 students in the fall, according to University Relations. This year is the first year students are receiving the lottery scholarship. The criteria for the scholarship include graduating from a Tennessee high school in 2003 or 2004, having a high school GPA of at least 3.0 and having an ACT score of at least 19.

In the year since the lottery's inception, the lottery reported gross ticket sales to be \$863.4 million, with \$246 million being raised for education. Revenues exceeded earlier ticket sales estimates and are leaving some Tennessee legislators to question what to do with the excess funds. Lottery officials initially projected that 65,000 students would cash in on the lottery scholarship, but to date only 36,600 have received the grants.



By the numbers ...

860 first time freshmen received the scholarship

507 (59 percent) are "on track" to keep the scholarship next fall.

Admissions application count continues to rise

University Relations

Applications for summer and fall admission at the UTM have increased by 18 percent over the same period last year, according to the office of admissions. It is the second consecutive year that application numbers have increased. A recent report showed that by Jan. 13, 1,489 students had applied for admission to UTM, up from 1,263 by that date in 2003.

"There's no doubt the Tennessee HOPE Lottery Scholarship program is playing a significant role in students choosing to attend UTM and stay in Tennessee," said Judy Rayburn, UTM director of admissions. "The new apartment-style housing also is very attractive to

incoming freshmen," she added.

The HOPE scholarships were awarded for the first time in 2004 and boosted fall enrollment to a record 6,104. Construction continues on the new University Village Apartments, scheduled for completion by fall 2005.

"The number of applications also has increased simply because UTM offers features and services students want," said Rayburn. "We think students tend to make their decisions based on a school's atmosphere. Students are looking for more personal attention. They are looking at the size of the university and the opportunity to be involved in campus

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Student faces DUI charges from weekend arrest

Kevin Teets
Senior Report

A UTM student was arrested and jailed Sunday morning on charges of driving under the influence (DUI) and underage drinking after a breathalyzer test revealed his blood alcohol content (BAC) to be more than double the legal limit.

Christopher Wooley, 18, of Bartlett, was observed by UTM Officer Mike Wenz to be driving his silver Toyota Tundra on Mt. Pelia Road early on the morning of Jan. 23. Wenz observed the vehicle swerve over the center line and then almost hit the curb. Wenz observed the Tundra cross the yellow lines at least two more times.

Wenz pulled the vehicle over and began speaking to Wooley. Wenz could detect an alcoholic odor coming from Wooley's breath. Wooley also had slurred speech and was unsteady on his feet.

Wooley was told to perform

three field sobriety tests: finger to nose, one leg stance and a nine step walk and turn. According to the police report, Wooley was not able to touch his finger to his nose and had to be assisted by officers to keep from falling. Wooley also failed the other two sobriety tests and was arrested and taken to the Martin Police Department to have a breathalyzer test administered to him.

After being read the implied consent law, Wooley agreed to take the breathalyzer test. The test revealed Wooley to have a BAC of 0.178. Wooley's BAC level was found to be more than double of the legal limit of 0.08. Wooley was then jailed at the Weakley County Detention Center on charges of DUI and underage drinking.

Wooley posted a bond amount



Wooley

Campus Crime

of \$1,000 and was released from jail on Sunday afternoon. He was arraigned in court on Monday.

Wooley plays the position of corner back for the UTM Skyhawks football team. Information was not released from the Sports Information Office as to how the athletics department would handle the case. The director of Sports Information, Joe Lofaro, said, "Chris Wooley has violated team rules and any repercussions from this violation will be handled internally."

The minimum penalty for a first offense DUI in Tennessee is a fine of \$350, spending 48 hours in jail and a mandatory loss of driver's license for one year.

Wooley is scheduled to appear before the Weakley County General Sessions Court 8:30 a.m. Feb. 16.

Academic Affairs

Rakes appointed to provost, first to serve since 1976

University Relations

Dr. Thomas Rakes, has been appointed provost at UTM effective Jan. 1. Dr. Rakes will serve as the second ranking administrative officer for the campus and continue his role as vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"As provost, Dr. Rakes will serve as the university's chief academic officer and assume a prominent role in university planning and assessment," said UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan. "In his expanded role, he will continue to provide leadership involving matters related to faculty, the quality of academic programs, research and scholarship, as well as student academic life, campus technology and elements related to student learning and student academic support services."

The provost reports directly to the chancellor and will collaborate with the chancellor in developing academic and campus priorities and with the vice chancellor for business affairs in allocating funds to implement these plans.

UTM's last provost was Dr. Jimmy Trentham, who served from 1973-76 and as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs from 1976-79.

"I am honored to receive this appointment and I look forward to my involvement in a variety of critical campus operations," said Rakes.

"This appointment also reflects the level of importance academics holds at UTM." He added, "I am proud to be associated with the faculty, staff and students at what U.S. News and World Report recently listed as a Top 25 master's university in the south."

Rakes left the University of Louisiana Monroe in May, 2002, to accept an appointment as vice chancellor for academic affairs at the 6,100 student UTM campus which is one of three four-year institutions within the University



Dr. Thomas Rakes

What is a provost?

A provost is the chief academic officer of a university, responsible for faculty and courses. A provost reports to the Chancellor and is responsible for administering, overseeing and guiding the academic, research, and student services of the institution.

of Tennessee System.

Rakes is the author or co-author of more than 80 refereed articles and chapters, and he has published 24 books since 1976.

Since 1994, Dr. Rakes has published in the areas of faculty collegiality in higher education, managing change in higher education, differentiated evaluation, school improvement planning and the use of visual strategies to enhance reading comprehension.

Since 1972, Dr. Rakes has served as principle investigator or administrator for externally funded grants in excess of \$7.2 million.

Our View

Editorial: UTM Athletics in need of ‘tough love’

Last week, a UT football player was suspended indefinitely from the team for a team rules violation. The athlete’s offense was punching another student during an intramural basketball game..

“He will be suspended from the team indefinitely. We want our student-athletes to be responsible members of our community. They need to know that they will be held accountable for their actions and these types of issues will not be tolerated,” Tennessee football head coach Phillip Fulmer said.

So how does this apply to Martin?

It is an illustration of an athletic program that does not tolerate the kind of behavior that we have seen in the last few months from our own UTM Athletic Department. It is swift, it is effective and it is addressed directly to the public.

The Pacer is often criticized for painting a negative picture of our athletic department because we run crime stories that have athletes as the accused. Our answer is that the offense lies with the offender, not with the reporter.

It is the opinion of this newspaper that a small minority of athletes have tarnished the good name of the Skyhawks. We have watched as, time after time, the coaches and university officials have declined to comment on drug busts, alcohol abuse and, most recently, outright violence.

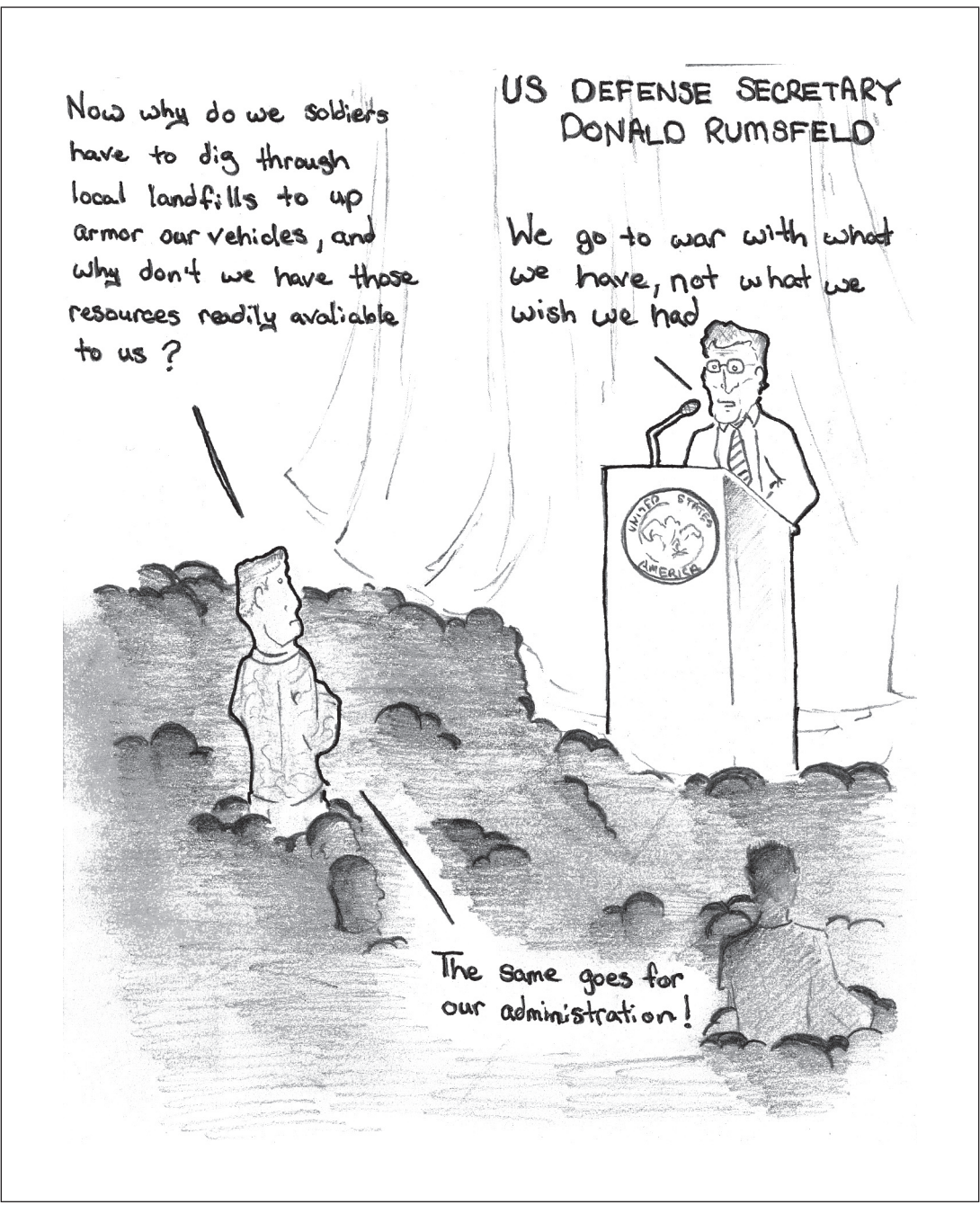
Rather than address the issue head on, they have opted to allow it to quietly show up in a police report or by word of mouth, leaving media outlets to sift through rumors before getting to the truth.

But our concern doesn’t end with the coaches and administrators. After all, they weren’t the ones cited in the reports.

This passive approach to discipline has amounted to a slap on the hand when an offense occurs. Other than paying fines and court costs, these individuals have no incentive to uphold the reputation of the school.

For those athletes who have kept up the good name of the Skyhawks, we salute you. It is your actions on and off the field that shape the face of UTM to our community.

Until change happens, headlines will continue to tell the dark side of our sports teams.



Letters to the Editor

Lottery scholarships don’t provide for all needs

In the Nov. 16, 2004, publication of the Pacer, you published an editorial about new housing affecting rent costs. The staff was complaining that the rent and utilities to live there were too high and would cause area apartment complexes to change their rates to stay competitive with the University.

The newspaper then went on to comment that the high rates would not be a problem for lottery scholarship recipients, implying that \$3,000 takes care of every college expense and then some. This is more than untrue.

I graduated in 2003 and worked hard through high school, keeping a high GPA and receiving a fairly high ACT score. I was very excited when I received the lottery scholarship, but it doesn’t cover everything. I am also in the Dean’s Scholarship program, bringing my scholarship total to \$4,500 per year. This just barely covers tuition.

I am not eligible for any Rotary Club scholarships from my hometown because they say that I am getting

enough already. I have to save up for books and I live at home. People don’t realize that the lottery scholarship, while very nice, really isn’t all it’s talked up to be, except for those of us who are having to scrape by on it.

Abbie Gilliland
Union City

Pacer neglects to mention alcohol as a concern

I found it very interesting that a large part of the Nov. 30, 2004, Pacer was devoted to stories concerning the use of illegal substances on campus and in the community. I find the cartoon on page two particularly interesting because the banner depicted does not contain the most used illegal drug by students, that being alcohol. The reason it is illegal is because it is being used by underage students.

In addition, on the following page there is an ad for one of the local establishments that strongly encourages the use of alcohol in excess by advertising “all you can drink for \$5”, “Thirsty Thursday” and “free draft beer and 25

cent long necks” on Friday and Saturday Night.

Are we, as an institution, taking the use of alcohol for granted and not bothering to see alcohol as a substance that can ruin lives as quickly as marijuana, heroine, crack or crank and other sedatives, stimulants? Or are we an institution that sees alcohol for what it is and attempts to aid students to drink responsibly or even encourages them to abstain. In the same light, is The Pacer trying to paint other drugs as harmful while ignoring the pitfalls of using alcohol?

Many university organizations as well as staff and faculty choose to treat alcohol use and getting drunk as a rite of passage on college campuses. Students will continue to die because of alcohol poisoning and others will experience the negative consequences of PIs, DUIs, car accidents, fights, assaults and rape as long as the campus community turns a blind eye to the use of alcohol by underage drinkers.

Charles Daum
UTM Counseling
Martin

Too much of a good thing?

Stephen Yeargin
Executive Editor

Typically, I would be the last to complain about time off. I tend to enjoy a carefree lifestyle devoid of any academic obligations.

Many of us tend to refer to the holidays as “that time we leave the ones we love to be with family.”

I’ll let you ponder that one for a moment.

It is my opinion that this break was much too long. Those of us seeking summer jobs would much rather have seen the time off added to the summer instead, giving us greater flexibility in applying for summer jobs.

Simply put, those two extra weeks in the summer could translate into more money to pay for school or other purposes.

While calendars are set years in advance, I urge the university to consider this argument when setting future schedules.

Students, not doctors, responsible for drug abuse

I’m a 1978 UTM graduate and 1982 Emory University School of Medicine graduate who practices pediatrics in metro Atlanta. I have an active ADHD practice and was dismayed to read your story “Vitamin R.”

Diversion of legitimate stimulant medication is an issue to which we practicing physicians are sensitive, but we are at the mercy of the honesty of our patients. I’m sure that the prescribing physician is given a legitimate sounding story by the acquiring student. Without confirming evidence, the prescriber is left only with suspicions, at most.

Perhaps the student using the diverted medication does have true ADHD. Certainly the description of distractibility lends itself to that diagnosis. I’d suggest that student be evaluated, but I’d also worry about his or her tendency to abuse the medication.

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Correction: A story dated Dec. 7, 2004, incorrectly identified Patti Hendry as the first woman to hold the title of Cadet Battalion Commander in UTM’s ROTC history. Elizabeth A. Coble also held this position during the 1984-85 school year. *The Pacer* regrets this error.

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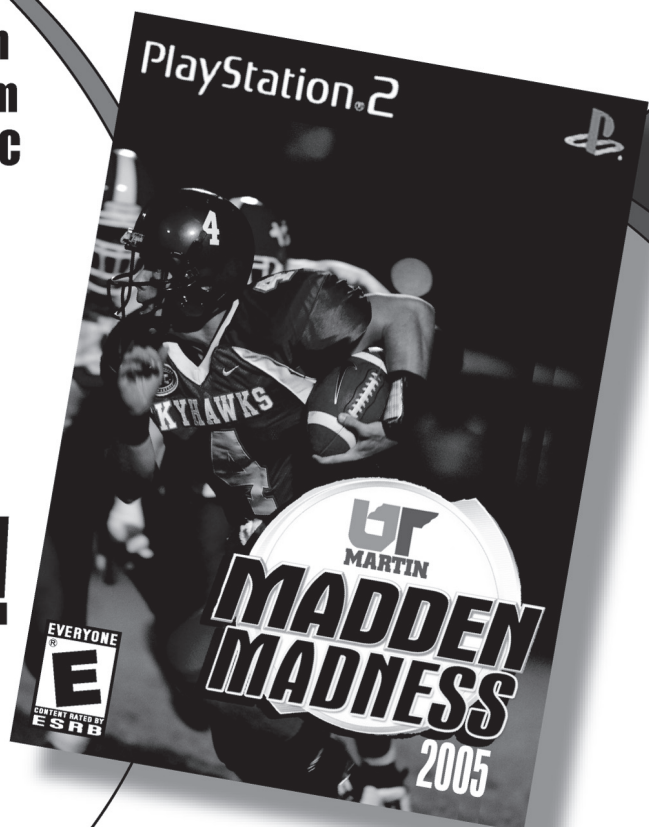
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LUNCH	Deli bar is available each day.						
Classic	Souther Fried Chicken	Lasagna Bolognese	Pulled BBQ Chicken Tngs	Butter Fried Potluck	Scrambled Eggs	Fizzled Ham	Chick. Marsha Hot Tates
Grill	Phillystyle Mushroom Steak	Chicken Patty Sandwich	Turkey Burger w/ LT	Chicken Patty Sandwich			Chicken Patty Sandwich
Fire	Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla	Chicken Cordon	Country Beef & Broccoli w/ Pot.	Chicken Inners w/ Potatoes			Beefsteak Sandwich
Ice	Diner Roast Beef Burger Sandwich	European Ham & Gooch Bquette	Polyesteth Chicken Wrap	California Club on Focaccia			Turkey Slider
Pizza	Meatlover's Pizza	Mexican Beef Pizza	Hot Italian Sausage Pizza	Beacon Ranch Ultimate Pizza	Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza	Pepperoni & Cheese Pizza	BBQ Chicken Pizza
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Grill	Philly style Mushroom Steak	Chicken Patty Sandwich	Turkey Burger w/ LT	Chicken Patty Sandwich			Chicken Patty Sandwich
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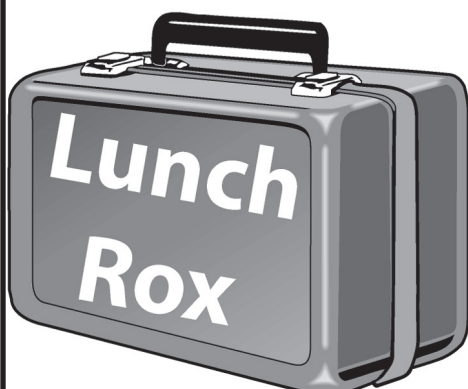
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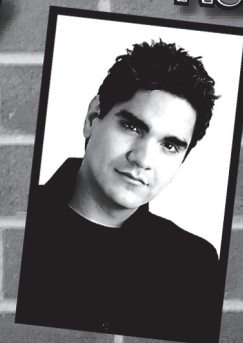


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Student charged with possession of firearm

Altercation in Browning Hall stemmed from violence at fraternity party

Kevin Teets
Senior Reporter

A UTM student has been permanently suspended from the university and arrested on assault and weapon charges after an altercation that began on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 11 at an off campus party and continued to Browning Residence Hall.

Kendrick Triggs, 23, of Memphis, Tenn., was arrested and jailed on Saturday, Dec. 11, on charges of aggravated assault and carrying a weapon on school property. Triggs has been released from the Weakley County Detention Center on a bail amount of \$5,000.

Three witnesses interviewed by the Department of Public Safety said that Triggs pointed a .22 caliber pistol to the head of another student, Taurean Stephens, while in a room in Browning Hall.

Because of an ongoing investigation, the Martin Police Department and the Department of Public Safety did not release their reports until Dec. 15, three days after the incident occurred. The police departments interviewed several witnesses to determine the summary of events that led up to the arrest of Triggs.

On Dec. 10 and through the morning of Dec. 11, the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was hosting a party at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity house located off campus on Lee Street. The party was advertised on the UTM campus as the "Punch-Out Party."

At about 2:15 a.m., people began to push one another on the dance floor, causing the crowd to make its way outside. A fight occurred outside that involved several people. Witnesses say that the victim of the fight was non-student Joel Schluter, 26, of Memphis, Tenn.

According to the report released by the Department of Public Safety, Schluter was hit and kicked by individuals identified as UTM student Nathan Bryant, 18, of Bedford, Va., and UTM student Desmon Gault, 19, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Martin Police report also lists UTM student Taurean Stephens, 21, of Cincinnati,

Ohio, as one of the students involved in the assault of Schluter. In their report, Martin Police also say that a witness observed Schluter trying to leave the party. According to the witness and the police report, Schluter was "surrounded by numerous individuals identified as UTM football players."

The student in charge of the party, Michael Tracy, notified the Martin Police Department. When police arrived, the party attendees began to separate and leave the scene.



Triggs

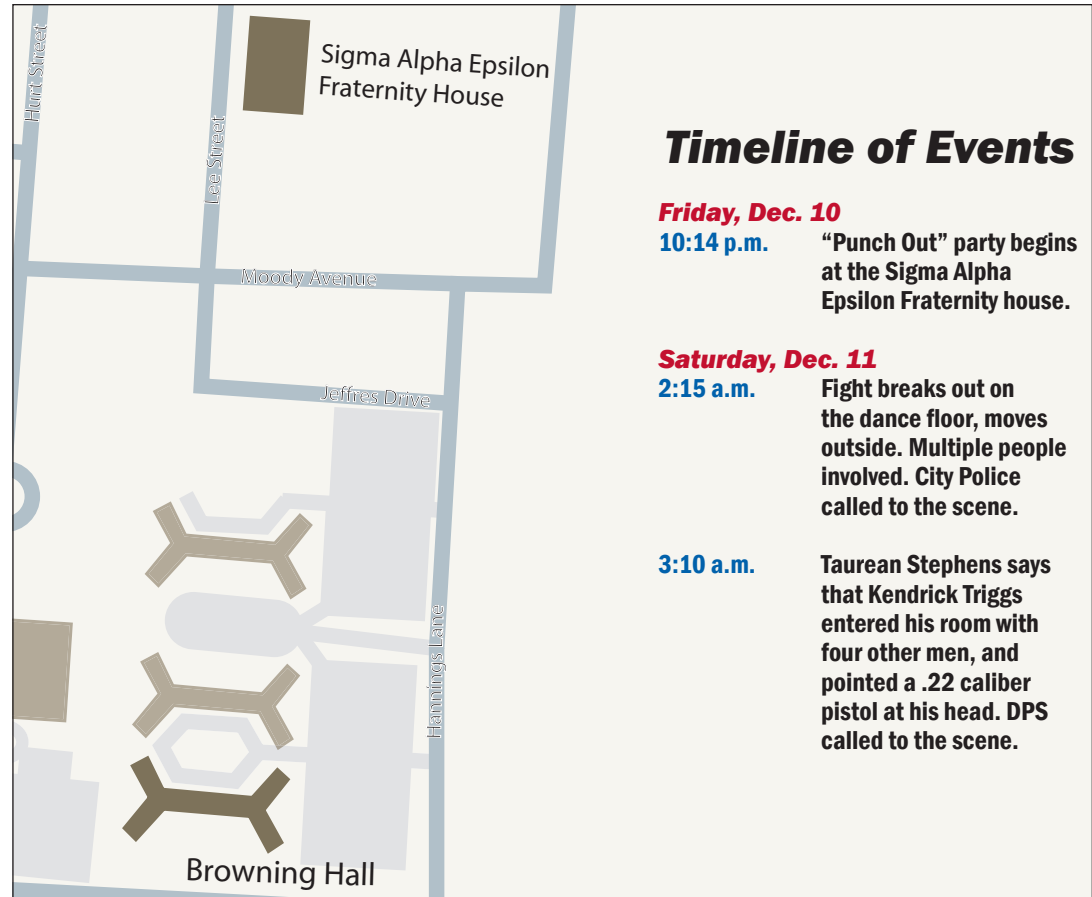
Schluter, the victim of the assault, told police that he was knocked to the ground and kicked about the upper torso and head. Responding officer for Martin Police Department, Sgt. Jason Arant, said that he observed Schluter to have boot prints on his back and that his face was swollen and bruised.

Police believed that the incident had been settled for the night. However, a second situation developed in the Browning Residence Hall nearly one hour later outside the dorm room of Taurean Stephens.

Stephens told the Department of Public Safety that at about 3:10 that morning he was approached outside his dorm room by two men identified as UTM student Andre Chatman, 22, of Martin and Kendrick Triggs. Stephens said that he immediately went to his room and was approached by three other subjects that were identified as Justen Smith, 22, of Memphis, Tenn., Jeremy Kelley, 22, of Louisville, Ky., and Schluter.

When the men approached Stephens, they were reported to have yelled racial slurs and threatened bodily harm. Statements were also made in reference to the earlier incident that occurred at the SAE fraternity house.

When Triggs entered the room, he reportedly displayed the .22 caliber handgun and pointed the weapon directly at Stephen's head. Chatman was reported to have possibly been in possession of a .9MM handgun as well. One of the students in the room, Desmon Gault, was able to escape through the bathroom door and report the incident to a desk worker in the lobby. Stephens began to fight with Triggs, Chatman and Schluter. When they were notified that the police were



on their way the three men exited the room and left the building.

No one was severely hurt during the incident in the residence hall. No shots were fired. The occupants of the room said that Kelly was present during the incident, but that he did not threaten or assault anyone.

All involved parties were taken to the Department of Public Safety to be interviewed and to fill out written statements. Schluter was taken to the hospital because of multiple cuts and bruises reported to have been suffered during the assault.

After officers reviewed the statements of the involved parties, it was determined that there was enough information to arrest Triggs on charges of aggravated assault and carrying a weapon on school property. No other arrests have been made by the Department of Public Safety or the Martin Police Department in connection with either of the incidents.

Police were not able to find any weapons involved in the incident but say that an investigation to locate the weapons is still ongoing.

Director of University Relations, Bud

Grimes, released a statement on Tuesday, Dec. 14, stating that Triggs has been permanently suspended from the university. In a follow up interview on Wednesday, Dec. 15, Grimes stated that the Office of Student Affairs was conducting its own investigation to determine if disciplinary measures will be brought forth against any of the students involved, but that it was not able to release any specific information.

Triggs and Bryant are former football player for the UTM Skyhawks. Stephens and Gault, who were accused of being involved in the assault against Schluter (along with Bryant), are currently players for the UTM football team, and Kelly and Smith are players for the UTM men's basketball team.

Neither the Martin Police Department nor the Department of Public Safety is able to confirm what caused the first fight to occur at the SAE Fraternity house.

Triggs is scheduled to be arraigned before the Weakley County General Sessions Court on Dec. 16. The Pacer will continue to update this story should any new information be released.

Pacer Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@mars.utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

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To discuss or schedule a presentation for your class or group, contact Bob Beard at (731) 881-7720.

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H.Y.P.E. Bible Study

Holy Young People Empowered will be hosting a Tuesday night Bible study this semester at the Baptist Student Center, located next to Bradley Book Store.

The study is called "A PHAT Purpose," and will be using *The Purpose-Driven Life* by Rick Warren.

Intramural Basketball

Intramural sign-ups end today at 5 p.m., at which time Campus Recreation will be holding a captains' meeting and a free agents' meeting.

The cost per team is \$50, and all games will be played at the Elam Center.

Games begin Jan. 31.

For more information, call Campus Recreation at (731) 881-7745.

Photography Club

The Photography Club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesdays in UC 232.

SABER Meeting

The next SABER meeting will be held at 6 p.m. today in UC 229.

Social Coaching

Do you often find yourself hanging back in a crowd? Not really knowing what to say, how to say it or when to say it?

Many people experience this occasionally, but to others it happens all the time. After an interaction or event, do you find yourself going over it again and again in your head, thinking of all the things you could have said or wishing you hadn't said what you said?

If you experience extreme shyness to the point that it interferes with you leading the fulfilling life you dream of, there's a new group designed exactly to suit your needs!

The group involves learning about the causes of your shyness so that individualized coping strategies can be developed to assist you in increasing your social satisfaction, in a safe structured supportive environment.

The group is small and spaces are limited so to find out more information or to set up a time to discuss joining.

Call Dr. Cara Smith at (731) 881-7720 or send an e-mail to csmith@utm.edu The time will tentatively be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays starting Feb. 1.

Talk Time

Talk Time is a free, informal opportunity for student to practice their conversational skills in a comfortable environment.

Talk Time is held at 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Writing Center (209 Humanities).

UTM to host upcoming Working Women's Conference

Katie Price
Staff Writer

West Star's 7th annual Working Women's Conference will be hosted by UTM in the University Center. The conference formed as an original idea of the West Star class of 1998, and is put on every year by alumni. This year's theme is "The Balancing Act of Juggling Life's Many Roles" and will touch on many important topics, such as success in business, health, preparing for financial security and finding the balance between work, marriage and parenting.

Virginia Grimes, the West Star coordinator at UTM, says that the conference "Opens us up to meeting people at different levels", and that there will be something of significance for people of every working profession. "The objective is to try and pick a topic all women face day to day", says Grimes. "From secretary to CEO, there is something for everybody."

West Star was created in 1989 to help individuals residing in West Tennessee to reach their full potential as leaders.

While the conference is directed towards working women, both men and women are invited to attend.

The conference will be held on Feb 10 from 8:30 am to 2 pm. The registration fee is \$35 per person, or two for \$60. Cost for UTM students is \$15, which covers the cost of the lunch.

To register for the conference, e-mail Virginia Grimes at vgrimes@utm.edu.

Anyone with questions about the conference or registration process may contact Grimes at (731) 881-7298.

UT Martin business programs reaccredited

University Relations
Press Release

The College of Business and Public Affairs at the University of Tennessee at Martin has achieved reaffirmation of accreditation for its bachelor's and master's degree programs in business administration by the recent actions of the Board of directors of AACSB International – the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The official announcement was made Jan. 10 in Tampa, Fla. The reaffirmation of accreditation extends the accreditation of UT Martin's business programs through the 2009-10 academic year.

To achieve accreditation, business programs must satisfy the expectations of a wide range of quality standards relating to strategic management of resources, interactions of faculty and students in the educational process and achievement of learning goals in degree programs. During the accreditation process, UT Martin was

visited and evaluated by business school deans with detailed knowledge of management education, applying mission-based standards that are widely accepted in the educational community.



"The purpose of accreditation is to ensure quality in academic programs," said Dr. Thomas Rakes, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. "We are fortunate to have received a glowing review."

Dr. Ernest Moser, dean of the College of Business and

Public Affairs, added, "With the reaffirmation of the national accreditation of our business programs, current and future graduates are assured that they will be able to compete for positions in the regional, national and international job markets. I am very proud of the work performed by our faculty and staff in helping achieve this significant indicator of the quality of our business programs."

UT Martin is one of only 452 institutions worldwide to have achieved accreditation by AACSB International.

AACSB International is a not-for-profit organization consisting of more than 900 educational institutions and corporations. Its mission is excellence in management education in colleges and universities. Headquartered in Tampa, AACSB International is the premier accrediting agency and service organization for business schools.

news, briefly

Bioterrorism video workshop coming to campus soon

University Relations

The UTM Tennessee Integrated Training and Alert Network (TITAN) Bioterrorism Training Program has scheduled video conferences for Feb. 15-17, March 15-17 and 21-23, May 17-9 and June 21- 23.

For those unable to attend the video conferences, additional onsite workshops will be conducted April 19-21 in Maryville, July 19- 21 in Memphis, Aug. 23- 25 in Nashville and Sept. 20-22. The total cost of the training is \$50.

The UTM TITAN Bioterrorism training was developed to provide those responding to potential terrorist events with the ability to protect themselves and those around them. Participants gain knowledge of terrorists; methods and weapons; avoiding secondary attacks; evidence and crime scene protection; symptom recognition; vaccine, treatment and prophylaxis; evacuation and quarantine procedures; conducting hazard analysis; and preparation of a plan of response. The program also includes multiple practical exercises, which help participants to recognize potential threats in their own facility.

After completion of the workshop, select participants will be eligible for a free follow-up assistance visit with TITAN instructors who will meet at the participants’ place of business to discuss the TITAN program as well as provide assistance in evaluating, developing a plan of response or providing additional special training needed in the area.

For more information or to register for the TITAN workshops, participants may call the TITAN office at 1-800-482-5199 or (731) 881-7081.

Applications: Continued from Cover

activities.” She added, “Students who choose UTM like the fact that their classes are going to be smaller and taught by faculty, not graduate students, and they like the fact that they will have access to those faculty members outside of class.”

Rayburn said proximity to home and cost of tuition also are important considerations when students choose to apply to UTM.

“Applications are not necessarily enrollments, but they are an important first step in that process,” said UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan. “UTM is a comprehensive public university that maintains an excellent reputation for its high-quality undergraduate programs, its beautiful campus and caring professors.”

The Pacer staff meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. All majors and interest levels welcome.

Staff writers!

Staff meetings will be at 5:15 p.m. Tuesdays this semester.

Interested in writing, but can't attend? e-mail pacer@utm.edu

yeah, it's online.



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Feeling generous? Consider helping out your local Red Cross

Steven Mitchell
Staff Writer

If you’re looking for an organization to make donations to this winter, try not to forget about your local area American Red Cross. The Weakley County American Red Cross (WCARC) is a non-profit organization that has several responsibilities in this area.

The Red Cross provides emergency assistance, military services and disaster services throughout the county. It even sponsors blood drives to help with the frequent blood shortages. The people who volunteer their services

work diligently to help people who live in their communities.

Although the Red Cross is mandated by Congress to provide disaster relief and assistance to military families, it is not funded by the U.S. government. It is funded in part by United Way and the generous donations of citizens.

Many people do not realize the importance of having an active Red Cross chapter in their area. Several services call for the special handling of the Red Cross. For example,

soldiers may have loved ones to die while they are overseas. When these unforeseen circumstances happen, it is often left up to the Red Cross chapter in these soldiers’ areas to notify them and ultimately send for them to be with their families.

Although the Red Cross is not a government agency, its authority to provide disaster relief was formalized when, in 1905, the Red Cross was chartered by Congress to “carry on a system of national and international relief in

time of peace and apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods and other great national calamities, and to devise and carry on measures for preventing the same.”

The WCARC encourages all residents, especially in the Weakley County area, to donate to this foundation regularly to ensure that the duty of the Red Cross is not only carried out nationally but in the Weakley County area.

For more information, please contact Cindy Young at 731-587-5948.



Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

10:01 p.m., Jan. 11
Off Campus - North

A motorist was issued a citation for violation of the light law and was referred to Martin City Court.

7:48 a.m., Jan. 13
Lot 1, Stadium

A motorist was issued citations for a crosswalk violation, not wearing a seat belt and an expired tag. The motorist was referred to Martin City Court.

10:50 a.m., Jan. 13
UTM Campus

A subject reported the loss of university keys.

3:49 p.m., Jan. 13
University Courts

A child was reported to have trouble breathing. EMS responded and treated the child at the scene.

8:14 p.m., Jan. 13
Mt. Pelia Rd.

A motorist was issued a citation for a stop sign violation. The subject was referred to Martin city court.

6:45 p.m., Jan. 15
Grove Apartments

A resident reported someone was refusing to leave the apartment. The subject left upon the officer’s arrival.

10:13 a.m., Jan. 18
UTM Campus

A subject was detained pursuant to an arrest warrant out of Henry Co. and was turned over to their deputy.

2:04 p.m., Jan. 18
Humanities Bldg.

A motorist was issued a citation for a stop sign violation and was referred to Martin City Court.

11:03 a.m., Jan. 19
Chancellor’s Residence

A motorist was issued a citation for speeding and not having insurance, and was respectively referred to Martin City Court and General Sessions Court.

12:23 p.m., Jan. 19
Lot 17, Gooch Hall

A student was issued a citation for failure to report a traffic accident and was referred to General Sessions Court.

12:44 a.m., Jan. 20
Ellington Hall

Two students referred to Student Affairs for a first-offender violation of the drinking-age law.

10:41 a.m., Jan. 21
University St. and Elm St.

A motorist was issued a citation for speeding and was referred to Martin city court.

10:41 p.m., Jan. 21
McCord Hall

A hit and run accident was reported. Investigation continues.

12:48 a.m., Jan. 23
Lot 19, Browning Hall

A student was arrested for DUI and violation of the drinking age law, and was referred to General Sessions Court.

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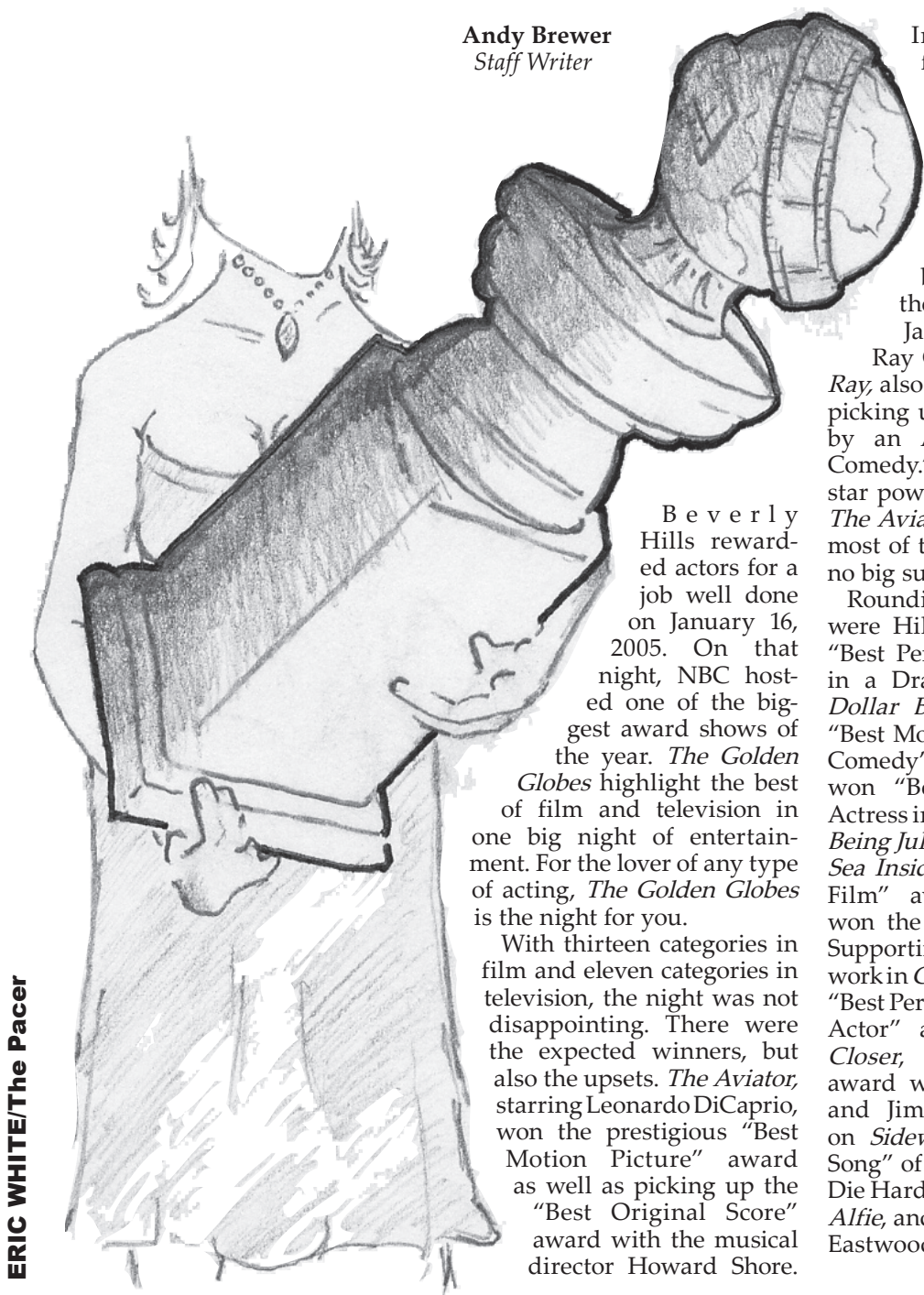
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The Golden Globe Awards 2005: A special night to remember

Andy Brewer
Staff Writer



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Beverly Hills rewarded actors for a job well done on January 16, 2005. On that night, NBC hosted one of the biggest award shows of the year. *The Golden Globes* highlight the best of film and television in one big night of entertainment. For the lover of any type of acting, *The Golden Globes* is the night for you.

With thirteen categories in film and eleven categories in television, the night was not disappointing. There were the expected winners, but also the upsets. *The Aviator*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, won the prestigious "Best Motion Picture" award as well as picking up the "Best Original Score" award with the musical director Howard Shore.

Individually, DiCaprio finally won the elusive "Best Performance by an Actor in a Drama" award. Despite stunning performances in films like *Titanic*, *Gangs of New York*, and others, DiCaprio had not been able to bring home the big one until Sunday.

Jamie Foxx's rendition of Ray Charles' life in the movie *Ray*, also received prestigious gold picking up the "Best Performance by an Actor in a Musical or Comedy." With huge press and star power behind them, *Ray* and *The Aviator* were favored to win most of the awards, so there were no big surprises.

Rounding out the film awards were Hilary Swank winning the "Best Performance by an Actress in a Drama" award for *Million Dollar Baby*, *Sideways* won the "Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy" award, Annette Bening won "Best Performance by an Actress in a Musical or Comedy" in *Being Julia*, the Spanish movie *The Sea Inside* won the "Best Foreign Film" award, Natalie Portman won the "Best Performance by a Supporting Actress" award for her work in *Closer*, Clive Owen won the "Best Performance by a Supporting Actor" award for his work in *Closer*, the "Best Screenplay" award went to Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor for their work on *Sideways*, the "Best Original Song" of the year was "Old Habits Die Hard" from the motion picture *Alfie*, and everyone's favorite Clint Eastwood won the "Best Director"

award for his work on the film *Million Dollar Baby*.

Obviously, for anyone who was looking to know how the upcoming Academy Awards would turn out from these results, you have been sadly disappointed. Many actors that were thought to be "shoe-ins" for *The Golden Globe Awards* were beat out by younger, fresher talent. So when "Academy Time" comes around, who knows what's going to happen. Morgan Freeman and Jamie Foxx, big names in Hollywood were beat out by a comparably unknown actor. And heralded director, Martin Scorsese was smacked by Clint Eastwood. We might have a real barn-burner on our hands in several months when the Academy has to decide who they think is the best.

The television awards were also ruled by many unknowns. Some of the biggest names in television were rejected of the gold on "Globe Night." *Nip/Tuck* from the F/X channel beat out ratings bonanzas like *Lost*, and *24* to take home the "Best Drama Series" award. Mariska Hargitay's name was called over Jennifer Garner and Edie Falco for the "Best Performance by an Actress in a Drama" award for *Law and Order – Special Victims' Unit*. Ian McShane won the "Best Performance by an Actor in a Drama" over James Spader for his role in *Deadwood*. Jason Bateman got the "Best Performance by an Actor in a Musical or Drama" award for *Arrested Development* over big names like Charlie Sheen and Matt LeBlanc. And the "Best Performance by an Actor in a Mini-Series or Made-For-TV Movie" was

Geoffrey Rush over Jamie Foxx, Patrick Stewart, and William H. Macy. No doubt these "big-namers" are licking their wounds and trying to figure out how to step up to the plate for next year's big night.

However, as always, there were the wins that everyone expected. The new primetime hit *Desperate Housewives* not only picked up its fair share of nominations, but its fair share of awards. It won the "Best Television Series for a Musical or Drama" and leading lady Teri Hatcher won "Best Performance by an Actress in a Musical or Comedy" over two of her very own co-stars. Glenn Close won "Best Performance by an Actress in a Mini-Series or Made-For-TV Movie" for her work in *The Lion Winter*. The "Best Mini-Series or made-For-TV Movie" was *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers*. Anjelica Houston was named the "Best Performance by a Supporting Actress in a Series, Mini-Series, or Made-For-TV Movie" winner for *Iron Jawed Angels*. And "ol' Captain Kirk," William Shatner, won the "Best Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Series, Mini-Series, or Made-For-TV Movie" for his role in *Boston Legal*.

The red carpet was gleaming, and stars earned their paycheck with their stunning performances and jobs well done. The only thing missing from the evening was drunken rhetoric by Anna Nicole Smith and the good thing is that I don't think anyone cared.

Interview With The Vampire: – even now, still a good read

Elizabeth Watts
Assistant Sections Editor

When you think about authors that have drawn a cult following, you may imagine Stephen King, J.R.R. Tolkien, and most recently J.K. Rowling. Another author that has her own group of loyal readers is Anne Rice.

Anne Rice is most famously known as the writer about vampires. When someone mentions an Anne Rice book, you automatically know what the subject and probably the whole plot will center around. She began



Courtesy of www.npr.org

Anne Rice, author of *Interview With the Vampire* and many other vampire novels.

her Vampire Chronicles series with her first book *An Interview with the Vampire*.

An Interview with the Vampire takes place in present day New Orleans, but the story takes the reader back through hundreds of years. Louis, a vampire, sets down with a reporter who wants to hear his story. Louis tells of how he was made into an immortal vampire by his master Lestat and all the pain Louis went through in trying to forget his human side.

When Lestat thought that Louis was going to leave him to find answers about the origins of vampires, he made Claudia. Claudia was a young child that Louis found one night with her dead mother. Louis fed on Claudia and left her for dead. Lestat found Claudia in an orphanage and took her to their home to make her a vampire child. Lestat was hoping that Louis's paternal instinct would take over with Claudia and Louis wouldn't abandon her. When Claudia was made into a vampire, Louis immediately felt that he needed to protect her like she was his own child.

Years went by and Louis, Lestat, and Claudia stayed in New Orleans, experiencing everything the French city had to offer. Claudia began to read old books about the occult and vampires and her curiosity was pulling

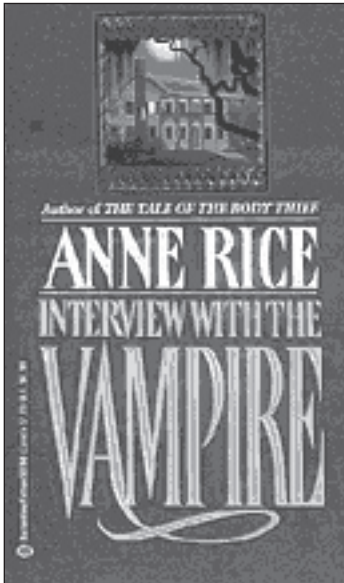
her toward central Europe. When asked, Lestat couldn't answer any of her questions. Claudia realized that as long as Lestat was in the picture, she and Louis would never make it to Europe.

Claudia reveals her plan to kill Lestat to Louis late one night. Louis tries everything in his power to change her mind, but to no avail. To kill Lestat, Claudia poisoned him with the blood of two children that she poisoned before. After killing Lestat, Claudia and Louis packed their bags and headed to Europe.

Many twists and turns await Louis and Claudia in Europe. Louis will finally begin to understand the history of vampires when he meets a group of vampires. However, the more Louis begins to understand, the more he hates what he knows.

Anne Rice writes under three names: her own, Anne Rampling, and A.N. Roquelaure. She has published *The Vampire Chronicles*, *The Mayfair Witches*, and *The New Tales of the Vampires series*. After living in San Francisco for a while, Rice returned to live in New Orleans in the house that became her setting for *The Mayfair Witches series*.

Interview With the Vampire



Courtesy of www.teenick.com

was published with great reviews. The Boston Globe said, "If you surrender and go with her...you have surrendered to enchantment, as in a voluptuous dream."

Interview With the Vampire is a great book because it draws readers into the life of a vampire. If you've never started reading a series before, Rice's series are great to read. Anyone can enjoy her book whether you're a fan of vampires or not. A reader can almost feel the thrill and the pain as the vampires take their victims during the night.

**Interview With the Vampire is the first of five books in the Vampire Chronicle series that will be featured in an Arts & Entertainment series over the next four weeks by Elizabeth Watts.*

Fox delivers devilishly good *Point Pleasant*

Matthew Muehlberger
Staff Writer

The FOX Broadcast Company unleashed its new primetime show *Point Pleasant* on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

According to FOX's Web site, "... *Point Pleasant* becomes the ultimate battleground of good versus evil." *Point Pleasant* is not your average nighttime drama. In fact, it has a supernatural twist.

In the pilot episode we are introduced to Christina

Nickson (Elisabeth Harnois) who is found floating in the ocean during a supernatural thunderstorm that rips through the village of Point Pleasant.

Once rescued by life-guards, Christina begins to mingle with the members of the community. Love triangles, secrets and heartfelt drama begins to emerge. Not only do you have backstabbing, lying, secrets, love and romance, but the viewers are introduced to the supernatural elements of drama.

It turns out that Christina

has a little secret of her own. It is revealed to the viewers that Christina is a daughter of a mortal "good" woman and the Devil. It's the story of a child of darkness who has a good heart.

Melrose Place alum Grant Show's character Thomas Boyd is the devil's right hand demon who will try to fully convert the young teen to the dark side. He will also use the teen to shed light on secrets and mysteries of the village Point Pleasant which will cause pain and suffering for the residents.

Will Christina do his bidding or will she follow her heart? It is said that there are two sides to every soul, the good and the evil. Viewers will have to turn in on Thursdays to see what she decides to do and which side ultimately wins the battle between good and evil. *Point Pleasant* spices up the already hot Thursday night line up on Fox that begins with *The O.C* starting at 7:00 p.m.

White Noise

Directed by: Geoffrey Sax
Universal Pictures



out of five

White Noise thrilling –if you are skeptical or not

Elizabeth Watts
Assistant Sections Editor

Some people have an interest in the paranormal, such as haunted houses, graveyards, ghosts, and such. The one thing many people search for is proof that paranormal things exist.

White Noise is a movie based around EVP or Electronic Voice Phenomenon. EVP is a way that ghosts or spirits contact living people. Sometimes people can hear voices on cassette tapes and see fuzzy faces behind the snow on video tapes. If a spirit is strong enough, they can leave a message or their image on a tape while it's recording.

White Noise, stars Michael Keaton, who plays architect Jonathan Rivers who becomes obsessed with EVP. Rivers loses his pregnant wife, Anna, in a bizarre mystery that is never solved. Some time passes after Anna's disappearance, then Rivers is contacted by a man that believes he has been receiving messages from Anna. If these messages are in fact from Anna, it confirms that she is dead. After Rivers realizes that the recordings of Anna are not fake, he grieves for his dead wife. He quickly becomes obsessed with trying to capture Anna's voice or image on tape. He buys video and audio recording equipment and becomes alienated from the world in an effort to connect with Anna. After seeing Anna, Rivers starts to believe that his wife is showing him people that are still alive so that he can save them. However, three dark and evil spirits does not like



Courtesy of yahoo.com

Michael Keaton plays Jonathan Rivers in *White Noise*, an architect obsessed with finding his dead wife.

Jonathan meddling in the paranormal and will do anything to stop him.

White Noise is directed by Geoffrey Sax with Universal Pictures. Michael Keaton and Deborah Kara Unger stars as Jonathan and Anna Rivers. *White Noise* was released on January 7, 2005. Michael Wilmington of the Chicago Tribune says, "Hollywood and Michael Keaton try to make a decent thriller out of ghosts in the machine but come up with lousy reception and static."

I was pleasantly surprised with the movie. I was scared at many points, but the scary parts only involved something suddenly appearing on a television. Do I think *White Noise* was worth the \$6.75 admission to see it? I think so. It's not the scariest movie I've ever seen, but it's definitely not the worst either. No matter if viewers are skeptical of EVP, they will see a good movie that will make them wonder if EVP and contact with the paranormal is really possible.

New TV shows designed to heat things up this winter

Elizabeth Watts
Assistant Sections Editor

Every television season, many new shows that are introduced in the fall are canceled in a moments notice. As a result, major television networks have new shows they unveil in the middle of the fall season to pick up where a lacking television show left off.

NBC has a new television show called *Sports Illustrated: Swimsuit Model Search*, where twelve selected models will compete for a chance to appear in the *Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition* magazine and a million dollar contract from NEXT Model Management. The final two contestants will shoot photos for Sports Illustrated in an exotic location. After seeing the pictures, Americans will vote for a winner and the next swimsuit model.

Committed is also a new show on NBC. *Committed* is a new romantic comedy



Courtesy of NBC.com

Josh Cooke of *Century City*, and Emmy award winning actress-Jennifer Flanigan of *Crossing Jordan* star as Nate and Marni in *Committed*.

that follows the relationship of Nate and Marni, two extremely opposite people. Nate is a brilliant, fearful man that is full of phobias and Marni is an upbeat free spirit. *Committed* is centered around Nate and Marni, and if they can last as a couple.

For people who like shows based around the paranormal, there's *Medium*, a new show on NBC. Patricia Arquette plays Allison DuBois,

a woman who begins to suspect that she's able to talk to dead people and have dreams of the future. DuBois tries to convince people in the justice system that she can use her psychic abilities to help solve horrifying crimes.

What if mathematical equations could solve FBI cases? CBS has a show called *Numb3rs* that focuses around that concept. Charlie is a mathematical genius that helps the FBI solve various cases in the Los Angeles area. *Numb3rs* is inspired by actual events and shows how mathematics and investigation can provide surprising answers to mysterious criminal cases.

Since Martha Stewart is in jail, CBS decided to air a reality series to find someone to fill the void. *Wickedly Perfect* features 12 contestants that are creative around the house. The winner will be named the country's new authority on home living. The winner will receive six

appearances on *The Early Show*, a developmental deal for a television show, and a



Courtesy of www.thrillingdetective.com
Franky G stars as Johnny Calvo in *Johnny Zero* new this season.

publishing deal with Atria Books.

The FOX network has a few new shows to strengthen their line up. *Point Pleasant* is about Christina Nickson

who arrives in Point Pleasant, a small New Jersey town, and tries to find her mother. Christina realizes that she's never known her real father, either. After digging further into Point Pleasant's history, she finds out that her parents are a mortal woman and the Devil himself. Christina tries to repress the demon and his powers inside of her. FOX.com tells about *Point Pleasant*, "... The town of Point Pleasant becomes the ultimate battleground of good versus evil."

Another show on FOX is *Johnny Zero*. Johnny Zero is an ex-bouncer who is just released from prison after four years. His parents are not talking to him and he lost his privileges to see his own son. With no money in his pocket and no where to stay, Johnny tries hard not to return to his corrupt buddies and his shady past. An FBI agent tricks him into working undercover to stop criminals just like himself in New



Courtesy of Numb3rs.org

Don Eppes and David Krumholtz star as FBI agent Rob Morrow and his mathematician brother in *Numb3rs*.

York City. His knowledge of criminals helps him become effective in catching crooked thugs. All the while, Johnny works toward seeing his son again.

The television networks hope that these shows will boost their ratings. It's up to the viewers to tune in and see just how good these shows will really be.

Medium: A different kind of thriller this season on NBC

Theresa A. Oliver
A & E Editor

Patricia Arquette stars as real life psychic medium Allison DuBois in NBC's new thriller drama *Medium* that premiered on Mon., Jan. 3, promising to be perhaps the first hit series of 2005.

The series is unique, different from any coming before it. Psychic medium DuBois speaks to dead people as if she were conversing with live people, who give her information and help her solve unsolvable crimes. Victims of murder seek out DuBois from the grave to help solve their own murders.

The premiere episode set the tone for the series, opening with DuBois a law student, working diligently as an intern for the District Attorney's office. Unsure at this point of her powers, DuBois is able to view pictures of crime scenes and place them in the order of occurrence within the crime, a feat that the police is unable to do. She also has dreams of speaking to perpetrators and is able to see the truth within their souls, despite what is coming from their lips.

In the series premiere, DuBois is awakened one night after having a dream in which she has a conversation with a perpetrator who had just killed his wife. DuBois' husband asks her if she is OK. After she assures him that she is, he then turns over and goes back to sleep. Then another voice in the



Courtesy of NBC.com

Patricia Arquette stars as real life psychic medium Allison DuBois in NBC's new hit thriller drama *Medium* on Monday nights.

room asks, "Are you sure?" DuBois opens her eyes to see the room filled with dead people all with eyes on her, standing at the foot of her bed.

"Yes, I'm fine," DuBois replies in answer as if nothing out of the ordinary was happening, then turns over and goes back to sleep with her husband oblivious to the surroundings. To the couple, this is nothing out of the ordinary and has been happening to DuBois since her childhood.

During the course of the

first episode, DuBois goes with another attorney to interview a housewife. "Because we have no concrete leads," the attorney tells DuBois, "we have to listen to every housewife with nothing but time on her hands for leads."

Arriving at the home, DuBois realizes that this is the home of another psychic medium, who gives the two women information concerning the disappearance of a three-year-old child. A non-believer, the attorney promptly dismisses the information as poppy cock and leaves the room; however, DuBois remains behind to ask the other medium about the process that she goes through when she receives information, in an attempt to make sense of it all.

"They tell me that you are the best of the best," the elder medium tells DuBois, speaking of the dead who have spoken to her, "Even among the special, you are the most special. Why are you denying who you are?" DuBois, still confused, runs out in horror with the elder medium yelling after her, "If you need help in figuring it all out, I'm here."

The next morning, DuBois' husband talks her into letting him send out the information she has been receiving from the dead to the police stations in the areas of the crimes to see if there is a response, in an attempt to help his wife make sense of it all. "If we don't hear from

them, then you continue with law school as planned and we will know that you are just stressed. But if we hit a nerve with the police, we will know it."

Shortly, they receive word from the Texas rangers, out of state, who want to see DuBois. Upon her arrival, the police chief is very skeptical. He agrees to take her to seven places, with only one being the crime scene. After the first three, DuBois declares that he is wasting her time. She then takes him to the crime scene in which a seventeen-year-old male molested and killed a six-

year-old boy. "Are you sure?" the police chief asks DuBois, "It looks like the Partridge family lives here."

"I'm sure and so are you," DuBois replies with confidence, then goes up the stairs and into an open bedroom. She sees a young teenage girl lying on the bed, listening to head phones; however, the girl is dead and no one else can see her but DuBois. DuBois has a conversation with the girl as if having a conversation with a live person. The girl was the perpetrator's brother, witnessed the crime and tells DuBois what happened and

even where the body was buried, making a believer of the police chief.

Medium is a fresh and different drama thriller, causing the viewer to see his or her own surroundings in a different light. Arquette portrays DuBois to perfection, capturing the essence of the character, making her come alive and real, giving the series life and believability. As a result, the viewer is forced to see life from another perspective ... and maybe sleep with the lights on for a few nights as well.

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Women start OVC winning streak against Murray State, TSU

Skyhawks win third consecutive conference game for first time since ‘03.

Jessica Spicer
Staff Writer

The women’s Skyhawk basketball team kept the crowd on the edge of their seats in a battle against Ohio Valley Conference rival Murray State last Tuesday night. In the end UTM brought home a 75-72 overtime victory against the Lady Racers.

Junior Nicole Rivers tied the game with just 50 seconds left to play when she sank a three-pointer that sent the game into overtime. Rivers finished the game with eight total points.

In the last 15 seconds of overtime play, junior Keva Robinson scored five points and Rivers ensured the victory with four free throws. Robinson scored nine points and had seven rebounds in the game.

With just 4.9 seconds left on the clock in OT, MSU’s Remington scored a basket to cut the score to 73-72. Lady Racer Jill Fulkerson fouled Rivers who sank two free throws to end the game at 75-72.

Senior Skyhawk pitcher receives HCA-OVC community involvement honor

Kadie Richwine
Staff Writer

Skyhawk baseball player Dustin Summers has been awarded the HCA-OVC Student-Athlete Spotlight sponsored by the Hospital Corporation of America’s TriStar Family of Hospitals.

He is one of two student-athletes in the Ohio Valley Conference receiving the award as recognition for their athletic abilities and contributions to the campus community.

Summers is a senior chemistry major from Paris, Tenn.

Though he had not received an athletic scholarship to play

The Skyhawks were 14 for 19 at the free throw line while the Lady Racers were 16 for 19 at the line. Murray State stayed in the game with their rebounding skills and making 10 out of 30 attempted three-pointers.

Sophomore Andreika Jackson led the Skyhawks to their victory by scoring a career-high 33 points and lead the team defensively pulling down 11 defensive rebounds and two offensive rebounds for a grand total of 13 rebounds for the Skyhawks.

Senior Danielle Page tossed in eight points against the Lady Racers scoring two of five three-point field goals for the Skyhawks and senior Jenny Lannom grabbed eight rebounds and had eight points for the Skyhawks. The Skyhawks then grabbed their third consecutive OVC win this season against the Tennessee State Lady Tigers on Thursday night, 72-63.

Tennessee State was in a 26-24 lead at the half, but fell a little to short in the end.

The Skyhawks used a 26-13 run early in the second half to jump out to a 50-38 lead against the Lady Tigers with just nine minutes left to play in the game.

Grabbing her first career double-double junior Deina Willingham put up 13 points for the Skyhawks and lead the team in defense when she snagged 10 strong defense rebounds and 4 offense grabs totaling 14 rebounds.

Sophomore Andreika Jackson lead the Skyhawks Thursday night with 18 points and eight rebounds.

Next in line was freshman Kristin Archie, who came off the bench to toss in 11 points for the Skyhawks. Archie scored 2 of the 3 Skyhawk three-point field goals of the night. Nicole Rivers had nine points for UTM against the Lady Tigers.

For Tennessee State Leslie Dean lead the Lady Tiger with 17 points. Quanecia Fletcher sank 11 total points and Lakisha Clay grabbed 10 points to keep the Lady Tigers close to the Skyhawks.

Clay and Fletcher were the strongest rebounders for the Lady Tigers of the night, Clay grabbing eight and Fletcher coming down with seven rebounds.

UTM out rebounded the Lady Tigers 48-36 in the battle but turned the ball over more to the Tigers.

At the free throw line UTM had 36 attempts and sank 25 of those baskets. Tennessee State only attempted 20 shots and scored 9 points.

2002-2003 was the last time that the Skyhawks had won three consecutive games in the Ohio Valley Confrence they defeated Eastern Illinois, Eastern Kentucky and Southeast Missouri State.

UTM women’s basketball team returns to play Jan. 27 on the road. The Skyhawks travel to take the floor against the Morehead State Lady Eagles.



RODNEY FREED / University Photographer

Sophomore forward Andreika Jackson puts up the basket over the Lady Racers during the conference win against Murray State last week. Jackson led the team in scoring, picking up a career-high 33 points against MSU

collegiate sports, Summers wanted to play baseball.

He walked onto the Skyhawk baseball team and earned a position as pitcher.

Summers was recognized with the Student-Athlete Spotlight because of his sports talent as well as his leadership and involvement in various activities on campus.

He believes it is important for athletes to take the time to be active in other aspects of campus life.

He was a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Council and the Peer Enabling Program (PEP) during his sophomore and junior years at UTM.

Currently, he oversees 20 PEP leaders. Participation in these areas has allowed him to work with new students during Freshmen Welcome Week.

Summers is a facilitator for the Leaders in Residence program and supervises 60 students who are in the program.

He also works with the baseball team’s reading program at the UTM Children’s Center.

When asked about being honored for his work on

campus, Summers admitted that the recognition was unexpected.

“I was surprised,” he said, unaware that he had been nominated for the award.

Summers realized how much of an honor the spotlight really was after learning that he had been chosen from all the student-athletes in the OVC.

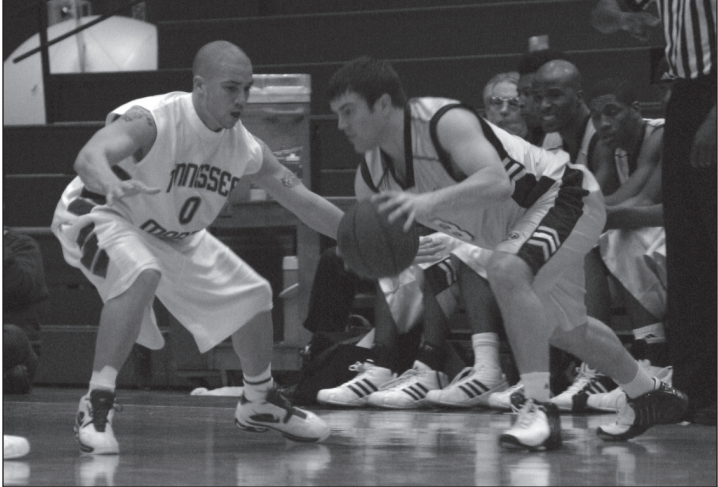
“It’s nice to be recognized for something like this,” he said.

He believes there are other college athletes who deserve the award as well.



Dustin Summers

Men’s basketball drops two against OVC foes MSU, TSU



MATT MAXEY / The Pacer

Senior guard Tyler George goes up against the Murray State Racer in last Tuesday’s OVC matchup.

Brad Hurt
Staff Writer

The Skyhawk men faced a tough challenge as they hosted perennial OVC powerhouse Murray State on January 18. The Racers were true to their nickname as they jumped to a commanding lead early in the first half and never looked back, winning the game 96-70.

From the start, the Skyhawks struggled against the MSU defense while the Racers came out hot to take a 13-2 lead into the first timeout with 17:13 remaining in the first half.

Although the Skyhawks protected the ball well,

turning it over only nine times, they had a hard time finding the basket from long range.

As a team, UTM shot 25 percent from beyond the arc. The lead reached its peak in the final minutes of the first half as MSU took a 49-27 advantage into the locker room.

As the second half got under way, the style of play remained much the same as it had been in the first 20 minutes of action. The Racers’ high-scoring tandem of guard Darnell Hopkins and forward Shawn Witherspoon hit huge shots down the stretch.

The two combined for 41 points in the game.

However, the game’s top offensive performance was displayed by Skyhawk Cleve Woodfork.

The junior center scored 17 of his 24 points in the second half, including all 15 of the team’s points during a four-minute span of the half. Woodfork added five rebounds to lead the team in that category as well.

The Skyhawks were able to win the turnover battle by forcing 11 Racer miscues. MSU’s hot shooting resulted in a 58 percent performance for the game.

The Racers shot 80 percent from the free-throw line and 40 percent from three-point range. UTM finished at 44 percent from the floor and 70 percent from the free-throw line.

Murray State led throughout the game, and twice held an advantage of 31 points, their largest of the game. The loss dropped the Skyhawks’ record to 4-12 overall and 1-4 in the OVC. Murray State improved to 9-6 overall and 4-1 in OVC play.

The Skyhawk men suffered their fifth conference defeat of the 2004-05 season at the hands of the Tigers of Tennessee State on January 20 by a score of 92-76.

Early in the first half the teams battled back and forth with neither leading by more than five points.

The Skyhawks struck first, jumping out to a quick 4-0 lead before the Tigers went on a run to claim the lead. For the next few minutes, the teams traded runs as the lead changed hands several times.

Then, after an Earl Bullock three-pointer tied the score at 19, TSU exploded for a 25-8 run to take the lead for good. With eight minutes remaining in the half, the lead was 33-21 for TSU.

After a media timeout, the Tigers offense continued at a torrid pace as they took a 57-35 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The second half saw an increase in defensive intensity on both ends of the floor. Scoring slowed considerably as most shots were contended by the defenders.

After TSU stretched the lead to 24 points at 69-45 with less than 12 minutes left, the Skyhawks were able to cut into the margin from the free throw line.

The aggressive play led to an increase in turnovers and fouls, slowing the overall pace of the game.

The more physical style also caused a few on-court altercations, one of which resulted in the ejection of UTM guard Tyler George with 6:35 remaining in the game.

The Tigers out shot the Skyhawks in the game,

Proud to be a Skyhawk

Amy Eddings
Sports Editor

The old expression says boys will be boys. And girls will be girls. But lately people seem to have forgotten that college students will be college students, too.

I understand that athletes are viewed as public figures. By playing a sport, they put themselves in the public eye. Around campus, I’ve heard the argument that it’s OK to publicize their mistakes because they are paid to be here.

However, the athletes aren’t the only ones receiving scholarships. Much of the student body, including myself, is receiving money to be here -- whether it be through the lottery scholarship, work-study programs or through some other form of academic scholarship.

By that argument, all of these people should have all of their mistakes put on the front page of the paper, too. You will be hard pressed to find anyone who will agree with that.

DUIs and illegal drugs on campus are newsworthy, no matter whom they involve. I think most people would say that this is true. But every little mistake that an athlete makes does not warrant a picture and name being plastered across campus.

People say that they are ambassadors of our campus. No, they are ambassadors of our athletics program. We are all Skyhawks, all part of UTM, and we should all worry about how what we do affects the image of the university. It makes me sad to think that people on this campus leave it up to a very small percentage of students to determine what others think of our school.

They are young college students just like the other 5,500-plus of us on this campus and it’s not necessarily fair to single them out.

For those of us not directly involved in intercollegiate sports, what gives us the authority to determine the actions that the athletics department should take in regards to recent incidents?

It’s our right to have opinions on what we think should be done, and we should all be allowed to voice them. But, no one argues about how fraternities and sororities should handle their problems. People worry about the organizations that they are involved with and don’t like outsiders telling them how to run things. People don’t like it when someone tells them how to do their job.

This situation is no different. Those of us non-athletes, I’m sure, have no real idea how the coaches handle disciplining their players. Just because they are not made to be public examples or kicked off the team for every mistake they make does not mean that they do not have to face consequences.

The coaches on this campus were hired for some reason or another and should be trusted to do their jobs. If they aren’t, come contract renewal time, they will be dealt with. We should take comfort in that.

GO SKYHAWKS!!!!!!

Women’s basketball 2-6, 2-2 in OVC play over Christmas Break

Kadie Richwine
Staff Writer

The UTM Skyhawk basketball team was busy over Christmas break playing in a total of eight games in four states.

The team had a rocky start as they faced off against the Lady Pioneers of the University of Denver at the Wells Fargo Classic held at Magness Arena in Denver on Saturday, Dec.18.

At the end of the first half the Skyhawks trailed the Pioneers, 30-22. UTM failed to pick up the pace in the second half, scoring only 19 points to Denver’s 34. Denver clenched the win, 64-41.

Bad luck continued for the Skyhawks as they battled the University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners on Sunday, Dec. 19 at the tournament in Denver.

UTM lost what momentum they had against the Roadrunners with 6:14 left in the half and allowed UTSA to sweep by with a 37-25 lead at half-time.

The Skyhawks were unable to catch up with UTSA picked up a 75-59 win over UTM.

The Skyhawks played the Colorado State University Rams at Moby Arena in Fort Collins, Colo. on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

In the middle of the first half UTM began to close the gap and were within nine points of the Rams at the break.

The Skyhawks continued to add points to their score in the second, but the Lady Rams pulled out too far ahead and won, 95-49.

After the Christmas and New Years holidays, the Skyhawks again took to the road. This time it was to face the University of Georgia Bulldogs on Sunday, Jan. 2.

The Bulldogs were in the lead with a score of 34-19 at the end of the first half. UTM came back strong in the second half of the game scoring 33 points, but it was not enough. In the end, UGA succeeded in outscoring UTM, 68-52.

The team returned home to host the Eastern Kentucky University Lady Colonels on Thursday, Jan. 6 at Skyhawk Arena in the first OVC game of the season. The team faced a definite challenge with two starters out because of illness.

The Skyhawks gained possession of the ball early in the game and stayed on top in the first half with a half-time score of 30-29.

UTM was ahead 67-66 with seven seconds to go in the game. A basket by ECU senior Miranda Eckerle seized the lead for the Lady Bulldogs with a mere three seconds left on the clock. The Skyhawks had no time to recover and came up short with a score of 68-67.

The Morehead State

University Eagles traveled to Martin on Saturday, Jan. 8 for the Skyhawks’ second OVC game.

UTM started the game strong kept MSU from scoring for several minutes and was in the lead at the end of the first half. The Skyhawks kept their momentum going and picked up a 77-60 victory.

Senior Chandra Carey was the top scorer for UTM accumulating 19 points for her team.

On Thursday, Jan. 13 faced the Jacksonville State Gamecocks in Jacksonville, Ala. This was the team’s first OVC game on the road.

The Skyhawks had a slow start were down by 13 points at the half.

UTM came back in the second and played hard scoring 33 points. That was not enough to stop the Gamecocks. Jacksonville State won 70-59.

The team traveled to Birmingham, Ala. on Saturday, Jan. 15 to take on the Samford Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs scored first and led the game through much of the first half. Skyhawk senior Jenny Lannom tied the game with 5:27 left in the half. UTM continued scoring and led the game 19-16 at the break.

The Skyhawks continued to work hard throughout the second half and came away beating the Bulldogs 66-58.

Men’s basketball starts out OVC play 1-3, 1-7 over break

Amy Eddings
Sports Editor

The UTM men’s basketball team spent their holiday break shooting hoops all over the country, racking up a 1-7 record.

They started their vacation off with a tough loss on the road to Portland State University, 79-66.

Junior center Cleve Woodfork led the offensive effort with 16 points. Junior guard Jared Newson and senior guard Earl Bullock were close behind with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

The Skyhawks then traveled to Tupelo, Miss. to take on the Rebels of Ole Miss. The Southeastern Conference member team out scored UTM 42-31 in the first half and didn’t any trouble staying on top in the second half, pulling out the victory 92-64.

UTM came back to their home state and played two games in the Dr. Pepper Classic Tournament in Chattanooga.

The first game found the Skyhawks facing Birmingham-Southern University on Dec. 12.

UTM had the lead over the Panthers at the break, 36-29. In the second half, however, the Skyhawks were held to just 17 total points and BSC was able to clinch a 11-point victory, 64-53.

The next day the Skyawks then looked to North Texas Mean Green for a victory but came up short.

The Skyhawks stayed close in the first half, scoring 38 points to UNT’s 43. The two teams were evenly matched in the half, each putting 32 on the board. The five points UTM was down at the break would be the deciding factor, and UNT came out on top, 75-70.

The Skyhawks then returned home to open OVC play against rival Eastern Kentucky on Jan. 6.

The Colonels outscored UTM in the first half 30-25, but the Skyhawks made a comeback in the second, tying the score at 61 with 3:20 left in the game.

But an impressive 75.5% three-point percentage put up by the Colonels proved to be too much and the Skyhawks fell in a heartbreaker, 71-67.

Bullock and Newson led the Skyhawks in scoring with 15 a piece, and Newson led the team in rebounds with seven.

The Skyhawks stayed at home to take on another OVC member, Morehead State, on Jan. 8. The Eagles shot an impressive 64.4% during the first half to pull away to a 45-36 lead.

The Skyhawks were out-rebounded 35-25, and despite outscoring MSU by one in the second, couldn’t pull ahead. Morehead State picked up the win, 81-73.

UTM then went back on the road and grabbed their first conference victory against the Jacksonville State Gamecocks, 75-71, on Jan. 13.

Four Skyhawks finished the night in double digits: Newson with 19, sophomore forward Will Lewis with 17, and sophomore guard Justin Flatt and Woodfork each with 12.

Newson also picked up a double-double with 11 rebounds.

The Skyhawks then finished out their road trip with a 3-point, 62-59 loss to the OVC member Samford Bulldogs.

The game remained incredibly close, being tied 30-all at halftime.

The Skyhawks pulled out to an 11-point lead with little under seven minutes left to play, when Samford went on a 16-2 run to win the game, 62-59.

Newson once again lead the Skyhawks in scoring with 16 points and picked up five rebounds.

Woodford was second with 12 total points and four rebounds on the night.

That put the Skyhawks at 1-3 in the OVC and 4-12 coming back off the Christmas break.

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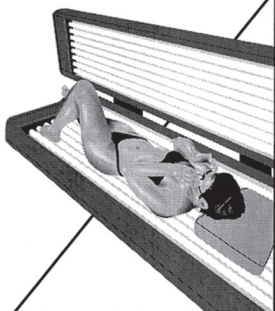
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